Liverpool April 5th 1854

Dear Mr May.

Through the kindness of our mutual — friend R.D. Webb. I am in receipt of your favor under date Feby 22d — and can only say that in rendering my humble services on this side of the Atlantic in aid of the Am. A. Slavery Society through the "Bazaar. I have — only done my duty. and shall always feel too glad not only to do this for the Bazaar whilst in England without pay. but to contribute my mite to aid in bringing about *that good time coming*. when American Slavery & all its consomitants shall cease forever. I agree with — you. with regard to the future shipment of Bazaar Goods and will endeavor to overcome the whole difficulty the — next time. I have no reason to complain of my English Home. and am happy to say that, it has proved as pleasant and advantageous under the circumstances as I could expect. I find the social, civil, religious & political character of English people — practically far in advance of the *misnamed* liberty, loving land of my birth. Liverpool, like all other large seaports is the dead sea into which is driven from all parts of the world, by the force of Civilization and commerce: accumulating upon its surface, all the filth, scum and putrid carcases of moral corruption. This figure without the fear of contradiction I say is more particularly applicable & principally confined to pro-Slavery Americans, they are as numerous here and as loathsome as "the frogs of Egypt," croaking bass to the sweet songs of liberty not yet extinct — in Old England. Whatever prejudice exists in this Country in favor of Slavery, or against the equality of the black race, is traceable to this *half*=

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horse *half-Aligator*, *and a little touch of the Snapping turtle*, Yankee-braggadocia: with the exception of this insufferable influence. England overburdened as she is with all the paraphernalia of a hereditary monarchy: Yet the people are Constitutionally free, It is the only strip of land in the whole world approaching nearer to and devoted to the pure principles of a righteous civil government- American liberty is a mockery. British liberty is an existing fact. I remember you well and take pleasure in saying that your name and person is as familiar to me "as household words". As a matter of history. I beg leave to correct you: it was not in the Cherry Street House. but in the House 330 Pearl Street. where the Am. A. Slavery Society, took refuge. when driven out of their Hall by the Notorious (but now promoted U.S. Deputy Surveyor) Rynders and his gang. I have an abiding faith in the principles and measures of the Am. A. Slavery Society. and though we may not live to see that glorious period arrive "When Slavery is no more"; let us not despair at the Apostacy of Frederick Douglass. Judas betrayed his master for thirty pieces of Silver. Yet the whole world is redeemed through the Efficacy of his blood! Benedict Arnold betrayed his Country for a similar bribe, Yet our Revolutionary fathers succeeded in securing liberty for themselves, through unrighteously withheld from 3.500.000 of our brethern. Let us fight on even if one third of the flower of our Invincible Army should go over to the enemy allured by the God of Pelf- even if reduced to Gideons Army of three hundred, And lap water like dogs- let us stand erect and march straight up to the breast work of the enemy, neither ask nor give Quarters, These are times which try Mens Souls- How was it with our Revolutionary fathers? If I may be permitted to illustrate -- did not the American Army & men in high places rebel against their countrys cause, and their Illustrious leader George Washington?, some under the influence of British Gold others because they were half-fed- half-clothed- receive constructive continental unredeemable paper? so it is with every good cause" our clients the slave are poor and needy. and they- who advocate their cause must do it on the- same principle as to the hope of future reward, but upon the miscreant who advocate the cause of the slave merely from sinister motives- have we not had such men in our ranks? where is J.B.- Birney- Arthur & Lewis Tappan- J. Leavitt H. B. Stanton C. W. Dennison- and a host of others too- numerous to mention, and what are they doing? well may they strive to blot out from the page of History - a la Goodell, the stain of infamy- which exposes their surreptitious malfeasance- with blushing shame! But after all I think- we can afford to lose a few deserters - deserters are spy's and traitors- and by their own acts are outlaws. So the Northern lickspittle doughfaces- have succeeded in the U. S.- Senate- in passing the Nebraska- & Kansas territorial slaveholding bill,- I once entertained a strange notion that the U.S. Constitution maugre its slavery provisions- secured to free colored man the rights of Citizenship- ~~including~~ sundry pro-slavery interpretation to the contrary notwithstanding. But when the higher law of God was set at naught by the Congress of 1850. in the passage of the fugitive slave law-

how could I then as a colored man consistently
to say nothing of my Abolitionism, ~~remain~~ act any
longer ~~or act~~ under that "Covenant with death
and agreement with Hell"! I am, Sir, from
Sept. 1850 to all intents and purposes a disunion-
ist - and will not obey the law - Nor neither will I
directly or collaterally compromise one jot or
tittle of my obedience to God's law for the mere
empty title of American Citizenship - ~~Perhaps~~ -
~~Sir, you may have an opinion to give on this
Question, and it may be against mine - yet I
trust we can agree to differ without the fear
of giving offence -~~

Please make my kind regards to all the friends
and believe me Sir yours and the Slave
Most faithfully -
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